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(c) & (d) No steps have been taken beyond those mentioned under (b) and the Government do not propose to do anything further for the present.

Limitations on the appointing powers of the Officiating Curator, Madras Record office.

*1165-E Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) what limitations have been imposed upon the exercise of powers of appointment by the Officiating Curator;

(b) whether it is the case in any other branch of the Secretariat or Department of Government, that an officer drawing a salary of Rs. 300 is empowered to appoint staff with salaries ranging from Rs. 40 to Rs. 200; and

(c) whether the Government will consider the desirability of suitably remedying this anomalous position?

A.—(a) None, except the restrictions contained in general rules.

(b) & (c) The pay of the Curator is not Rs. 300; the questions do not arise.

Civil Justice

Expenditure on Judicial administration in the Ganjam district.

* 1166 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the expenditure incurred in the Ganjam district under the head of Judicial administration for each of the years 1926 and 1927?

A.—The Government have no information.

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo:—"May I know whether the Government have not got the estimates of expenditure for these years for the civil courts of Ganjam?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Yes, but it is not given separately for the district of Ganjam."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo:—"May I know whether these estimates of expenditure are not submitted by the district courts either to the Government or to the High Court?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"To the High Court I believe, and not to the Government."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo:—"If so, will they be pleased to call for them?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I do not think any useful purpose will be served by getting them. So I am sorry I cannot get them."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo:—"May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that there is some enquiry going on in regard to this matter?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I am not aware."